

# BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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BENNINGTON, VT., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1912

PRICE ONE CENT

From the Evil You Hear About Other People You Ought to be Able to Guess What Your Own Reputation Is

## HINES UNDERTOOK TO BRIBE GIRL OPERATOR

Wanted Her to Reveal Message in Telegram

## COUNSEL IN A ROW

Another Sensation in the Lorimer Hearing That is Still Dragging Along

Washington, Feb. 9.—A mild sensation was caused at yesterday's hearing of the committee investigating Senator Lorimer's right to his seat when Miss Helen Seavers, telegraph operator in a Washington hotel, testified that two weeks ago Edward Hines, the millionaire lumberman, offered her money to let him see a telegram Detective Bailey had just sent to H. E. Kerr. Under cross-examination she said that it was not meant as a tip. The telegraph announced a postponement of the hearing. Miss Seavers swore that a few minutes after Bailey sent the message Hines came to her booth and asked to see the message just sent to Kerr. "I told him it was against the rules," said Miss Seavers. "He said, 'I will give you something if you will let me see it.' I said, 'I won't take anything nor be bribed when I know I am doing right.' He said he would come back."

Miss Seavers added that Mr. Hines then said he would "put something in your paw" if she would let him see the telegram. The witness said that Hines had money in his hand because she saw "the green" and that she shut the money drawer because she did not want him to drop the money in there. On cross-examination Miss Seavers was confused as to whom she talked with about the incident. The next day, she testified, Detective Bailey remarked to her, "Little girl, don't show my telegram to any one." At first she did not tell of informing Bailey then that Hines had sought to see the telegram. Later she testified that she did. "He asked me if Mr. Hines was the man who wanted to see the telegram," said the operator. "I replied that I did not like to tell because I did not want to get any one in trouble. He said I would get any one in trouble. He described a man and I told him that was the one."

Physical hostilities were threatened when Miss Seavers described a visit paid to her by Bailey and Attorney Healy, associated with Attorney Marble in representing the committee, in regard to the Hines incident. "Did anybody else hold the money in their hands while they were talking with you on that occasion—while Mr. Healy and Mr. Bailey were talking with you?" inquired Attorney Haney. "That is a gratuitous insult," flashed Attorney Healy. Attorney Haney retorted that he wanted it understood that Edward Hines was not the only one who could be insulted in the hearing. Attorney Healy sprang to his feet to demand a ruling. "If that insinuation about the attorney for this committee is true I should be driven from its door as unfit to represent it," he shouted excitedly.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Probabilities for This Section for the Next 24 Hours.

For eastern New York and western Vermont fair tonight and Saturday. Continued cold.

## REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Called for Thursday Evening at Foresters Hall.

The Republican voters of the town of Bennington are warned to meet in caucus at Foresters Hall in the Village of Bennington, Thursday evening, February 15th, 1912, at 8 o'clock, for the following purposes:

First: To nominate candidates of said party for town offices to be voted for at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on the first Tuesday of March, A. D. 1912.

Second: To transact any other business found necessary when met.

Edward C. Bennett, Henry T. Cushman, Walter H. Berry, William J. Hicks, Peter Longtin, J. Ben. Hannon, Eugene J. Shea, Republican Town Committee.

## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Called at Apollo Hall Thursday Evening February 15.

The democratic voters of the town of Bennington are warned to meet in caucus at Apollo hall Thursday, February 15th, at 8 p. m., to nominate candidates for town offices to be voted on at the annual town meeting on the first Tuesday in March and to transact any other business found necessary when met.

Homer A. Lyons, John P. Gavin, R. M. Houghton, W. J. Gibney, Houghton Rice, Democratic Town Com.

## NAGEL FOR THE JUSTICESHIP

Secretary of Commerce and Labor is Slated for Appointment

Washington, Feb. 7.—The existing vacancy on the Supreme court bench probably will be filled by the appointment of Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Charles Nagel of St. Louis.

## EXPRESS CO. PROFITS

Enormous Gains on Small Capital and That Mostly Water

Washington, Feb. 8.—One of the most striking documentary exhibits ever filed with the interstate commerce commission has been submitted by Attorney Frank Lyon as part of the record in the express rate investigation. It shows the enormous profits of the nine principal express companies and undoubtedly will have great influence with the commission in determining what reductions shall be ordered in the charges.

The record shows that the gross receipts of the express companies for the period covered was \$795,306,721, half of which was paid to the railroads, their share being \$397,653,360.50. The net profits of the express companies were \$294,943,285, and the total dividends paid amounted to \$212,085,392. These enormous profits were made on property and equipment valued on June 30, 1911, at only \$26,065,711.

In addition to the dividends declared the companies hold in their treasuries \$81,957,893, a large proportion of which, it is alleged, accrued as the result of overcharging the public and dividends and other funds which were not paid as the persons to whom they were due did not appear.

## EFFORT TO MEND SEAL BILL

House Debates Pribiloff Island Measure Until Adjournment.

Washington, Feb. 9.—An effort to amend the international fur seal agreement so that it will prohibit any killing of seals by Americans on the Pribiloff islands for a period of 15 years occupied the House Wednesday and was pending when that body adjourned that night. Chairman Sulzer and the majority of the House committee on foreign affairs are opposed to any change in the treaty, as agreed to by the diplomatic representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan. The bill to carry this agreement into effect was brought up for passage Wednesday, but a decided effort to insert restrictions upon American seal killing among the Pribiloff islands prevented its passage.

## MAY INVOLVE ATTELL

Investigation of His New York Testimony Is Likely.

New York, Feb. 7.—At the meeting of the state athletic committee today Atty. Gen. Carmody informed the commissioners that his deputy in this city would consider their request for an investigation of the testimony of Abe Attell and his manager during the recent hearing on the Attell-Knockout Brown fight at the National Sporting Club. As a result of this hearing Attell was convicted of "faking" and barred for six months from boxing in this state. The commissioners thought conflicting testimony adduced at the hearing should be considered by the attorney-general, as it might possibly involve a charge of perjury.

## PARSON PLAYED POOL

Some of the Parish Tried to Get Him Ousted.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 8.—When members of his flock discovered that Frank E. Whitman, pastor of the Hope Congregational church of Newport, Wash., played pool in billiard halls, they asked the Congregational ministers of Spokane for an investigation.

The hearing disclosed that the preacher was the champion pool player of the town and business men threatened to withdraw their support from the church if he were removed. The investigating committee recommended that the pastoral relations be continued and twenty-four new members were added to the church rolls.

## MOVE PHIL KEARNEY'S BODY

Will Be Transferred April 12 to National Cemetery.

Washington, Feb. 7.—With much ceremony the bones of Maj. Gen. Phil Kearney, one of the most dashing of the federal cavalry leaders in the civil war, and a notable figure in the Mexican war, are to find their resting place in the National cemetery here April 12. At present Gen. Kearney's body is in a vault in Old Trinity Church in New York city.

President Taft has ordered that all civil war veterans in the government departments be excused from duty on the day of the re-interment, and he will himself attend the ceremonies. It is understood that the state of New Jersey will erect a suitable monument over the grave of Gen. Kearney.

## PICKERING AS COACH

Minnesota Football Player in Charge at Vermont.

Minneapolis, Feb. 8.—Earl Pickering of the university of Minnesota football team in 1911 has accepted the offer of the university of Vermont to coach its football team this year.

## LAWRENCE STRIKE END SEEMS NO NEARER

Etter and Giovanotti Case in Court Today

## NO DECISION IS GIVEN

Witnesses Say That They Incited Riot That Resulted in Murder

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 9.—J. J. Etter and Andria Giovanotti were in court today and the state's attorney demanded that they be held without bail to await the action of the grand jury.

Their lawyers objected on the ground that this would keep them in jail three months longer without a trial. No decision was rendered.

The prosecuting officer declared that there is overwhelming evidence that the prisoners incited the riot, resulting in the death of Mrs. Lopez. He stated that the autopsy shows that she was killed by a rioter and not by a soldier or policeman.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 9.—Rumors of important new steps in connection with the month-old Lawrence textile strike, some of which indicated that the trouble was to be extended to other cities, were current Wednesday night in spite of the fact that the strike committee announced at the close of an executive session that nothing of public interest had developed. The members of the committee refused to divulge what matters had been under discussion, but it is known that only Lawrence leaders were in attendance, as William D. Haywood and William Yates, national officials of the industrial workers of the world, who spoke in New Bedford Tuesday night, did not return to Lawrence until late in the day.

While the leaders who represent the industrial workers of the world were apparently inactive, the central labor union, which is affiliated with the American federation of labor, continued holding meetings for representatives of the various crafts. By the last of the week the union officials expect to have the demands of all classes of the mill employees in hand so that a general demand can be formulated and presented to the mill agents. The demands as set forth by the individual meetings are similar in many ways, almost all asking for an increase in wages of 15 or 20 per cent.

The House of Representatives at Boston accepted the Senate order for an investigation of the strike, and immediately upon the acceptance of the order by the House the speaker appointed a House committee of five, who will serve on the joint investigating committee with three members of the Senate.

## SINGS BEFORE OPERATION

Girl's Courage Surprises Surgeons in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—Seventeen-year-old Bertha Kreutzer gave a remarkable exhibition of courage today in the Erdner Thread Works. The surgeons were much affected when she ordered them "to go ahead and amputate those four fingers." After giving this order, she started humming a tune while waiting for the surgeons to begin their work.

The young woman runs a machine in the thread works, and this morning her left hand caught in the cogs. The machine could not be run backward, so she had to wait until the doctors were summoned. She refused to take ether during the amputation.

## GOV. HOOPER TO RUN AGAIN

If Backed Up He Says He Can Close All Tennessee Saloons.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 7.—Ben W. Hooper, first Republican elected Governor of Tennessee for three decades, announced today that he would stand for re-election. In reviewing the achievements of his administration he says he has done his best in enforcing the liquor laws, but he proposes additional legislation to deal with promiscuous indifference to the anti-liquor statutes.

"If the people of Tennessee will back me up with the right kind of a Legislature," declares the Governor, "we will demonstrate that the open saloon can be driven from every city in Tennessee."

## DOWNEY BADLY USED UP

Referee Stops Fight in Seventh Round to Prevent Knockout.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 9.—Battling Downey of Adams was soundly laced by Eddie Shevlin of Roxbury last evening at the Lake Shore athletic club near this city. The pair were supposed to go 10 rounds, but Downey was in such bad shape in the seventh round that the referee stopped the fight to prevent a knockout. Downey was no match for Shevlin at any time. Honey Melody and Tommy Furey went 10 rounds to a draw.

## DR COOK NOT COMING

Explorer Cancels Date Because of Illness

A telegram to the effect that Dr. Cook would not deliver his lecture in Bennington Saturday evening because of illness was received by the management of the opera house today.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

White Creek and North Bennington Churches Met on Tuesday

The White Creek and North Bennington Methodist churches held their regular quarterly conference on Tuesday, February 6, at the North Bennington church with Rev. J. H. Coleman, the district superintendent, presiding. E. H. White was elected secretary. There were 15 present, which made the gathering the largest conference held in a number of years. The pastor's report showed that nine had been admitted by baptism, one by letter and 12 from the Sunday school on decision day. The Epworth League at White Creek has raised \$40 for missions, North Bennington, \$6 for missions, the Ladies' Aid society at White Creek \$40, and the society at North Bennington \$101 for expenses. The Sunday school mission funds were: White Creek, \$12; North Bennington, \$11.

The following trustees were elected: for White Creek, B. W. Niles, George Bouplon, Frank Fuller, Horace Lape, F. A. Sisson, J. Grant Sweet; stewards, S. Elton Sweet, B. W. Niles, F. Fuller, George Bouplon, Horace Lape, James Allen, Mrs. Joseph Stanley, Mrs. Chloe Sisson; recording steward, B. W. Niles; district steward, George Bouplon.

For North Bennington—Trustees, H. S. Walbridge, E. H. White, Harry G. Armstrong, George Brown, J. J. Brimmer, Charles Knapp; stewards, E. H. White, Charles Knapp, H. S. Walbridge, Mrs. Earl Lewis, Mrs. W. K. White, Miss Mary Bowker, Mrs. John Davis; recording steward, E. H. White; district steward, H. G. Armstrong.

The unanimous request was made to have Dr. Coleman use his utmost endeavor to secure the return of the pastor for another year.

## DAVID G. PHILLIPS' ESTATE

Murdered Novelist Left Only Heir But \$13,000

New York, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Carolyn Frevert, the sister of David Graham Phillips, novelist and short story writer, who was shot and killed by Fitzhugh Coyle Gileson, an insane musician, on January 23, 1911, will probably receive not more than \$13,000 as his sole heir.

Practically his entire estate—capital and income—was in his literary work. He had only a small bank account, \$298.48 in the American Exchange National bank.

Mrs. Frevert was made her brother's heir under a will made in Paris several years ago, which was witnessed by Ernest Poole and William English Walling. According to the statements made to her by Appleton & Co., she will realize about \$13,000 from royalties to be paid by them.

Phillips received large payments of royalty during his life time, but his bank account and personal belongings show that he lived close to his income.

## AFTER TAFT DELEGATES

Solid South Must Be Allowed to Split.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Determined to prevent, if possible, the appearance in the Chicago convention of "split" delegations from southern states, and also to avoid contests, C. D. Hilles, who is in active charge of the Taft campaign, has summoned to Washington leaders of the Republican party in the south. Today Mr. Hilles took up the situation in Alabama with Republican National Committeeman Barker and State Chairman Long. It was understood that they were instructed to lay aside any factional differences they may have had. Coming on the heels of Mr. Taft's talk with Virginia and West Virginia leaders today, developments were taken to indicate the intention of the President and his friends to "tie up" all the southern delegations possible. Mr. Hilles tonight declined to say whether more southern party leaders would be summoned to the White House in the near future.

## LAWRENCE TO BE A BANKER

C. Q. Richmond Denies That He Will Be a Candidate.

The very latest report from Washington relative to the future plans of Congressman George P. Lawrence of North Adams is to the effect that he is to connect himself with a large banking-house. Mr. Lawrence is not expressing any opinion on the matter but it is generally believed that such is the case. It is also understood C. Q. Richmond of North Adams may be a candidate for the retiring congressman's seat, but Mr. Richmond makes an emphatic denial of the report, as he could in no way afford to leave his duties in connection with the street railway. Attorney Hugh P. Drysdale is being persistently mentioned as the most likely candidate for the office, but he is noncommittal on the matter at present. It is the general feeling that Mr. Drysdale would be a good candidate for the office, as he is not only suited for the position and popular in North Adams, but far beyond the confines of that place.

## BOYS ONLY ELEVEN YEARS OLD ARE BURGLARS

Admit Stealing From 29 Different Places

## GANG NUMBERED FOUR

Leader of the Gang is 15—He is Sent to Reform School—Others on Probation

Bellows Falls, Feb. 8.—This village has been subject to petty larceny for months past, and it has been generally known that a gang of boys had been carrying on systematic pilfering and sometimes "breaking and entering." Owing to information secured by Superintendent Orris K. Collins of the public schools, four arrests were made by the police, and these four boys turned state's evidence and confessed that they and one other boy, who was later arrested, had been guilty of stealing at 29 different places.

George Belrose, Peter Augustinowicz, Floyd Bruhand and Adam Swelko were arraigned in the municipal court yesterday afternoon. They pleaded guilty and they were all sentenced to the industrial school during their minority. As three of them were but 11 years old, and the other had only 15, the judge suspended sentence, and placed them on probation for three years. Later on Nelson Willard, aged 15, supposed to be the leader of the gang, was arrested on the evidence submitted by the four boys. He has already been fined once for entering Winniewiser's store, and has also been in trouble repeatedly on account of truancy.

## BROWNELL WILCOX INJURED

Sawed His Leg Badly With a Power Saw.

Brownell Wilcox, who lives at North Pownal was the victim of a serious accident Thursday. With his son Lauriston he was sawing logs with a power saw on the hill some distance from his home and attempted to kick the sawdust from under the saw without stopping the machine.

In some way he got caught and his right leg was half sawed off at the calf. Cords and blood vessels were severed and the bone cut part way through.

His son Lauriston undertook to carry his father to the house, but became exhausted and had to lay him on the snow and call his brother Tom to help. Together they got the injured man to the house and a doctor was called.

Mr. Wilcox's condition was serious because of loss of blood before the leg was corded and he is reported very weak today.

## COPPMAN GETS DECISION

Defeats Kenny in 10-Round Bout at Adams.

A regular meeting of the North Berkshire athletic club was held at Adams last night. The attendance was not large. In the main bout "Jack" Coppman of Philadelphia was given the decision over Eddie Kenny of Cambridge. Coppman had 10 pounds advantage and outclassed his white opponent. In the semifinal "Babe" Lanoreux of Adams was given the decision over "Kid" Simmons of Fitchburg. A four-round draw was boxed by "Young" Baron and "Young" Mallory, both of Adams. The preliminary bout was a draw between Chester Johnson and "Young" Bard of Adams. They went four rounds. Next week the main bout will be between "Jim" Hoosle and George Robinson of Boston. Both are colored and met at Adams a week ago.

## ANSEL WYMAN

Sudden Death of Soldiers Home Inmate.

Ansel Wyman, aged 79 years, an inmate of the Vermont Soldiers' home, died suddenly Thursday at that institution. Death was due to heart disease. He had been in ill health for some time and previous to entering the home had received treatment in a hospital.

Mr. Wyman was born in Stockbridge January 17, 1833. He was a member of Company G, Fifth Vermont regiment and was admitted to the home on December 21, 1911. His wife died several years ago and as far as is known no near relatives survive.

The body was taken this morning to Hartford, this state, for burial.

## DANISH KING HAS PNEUMONIA

People Are Alarmed, but the Doctors Issue a Hopeful Bulletin.

Copenhagen, Feb. 7.—Although King Frederick is not believed to be in any danger, his illness is now said to be pneumonia, and his condition is serious, and is causing general anxiety throughout Denmark.

## TONEY TASH SUES H. WYMAN FOR \$3000 DAMAGES

Young Assyrian Claims He Was Falsely Imprisoned

## SUSPECTED OF MURDER

Manchester Farmer Believed He Had Found Slayer of Morner Family

Papers were served yesterday by Deputy Sheriff J. D. Purdy of Manchester upon Henry Wyman in a \$3000 damage suit brought by Toney Tash, a young Assyrian living in North Adams, charging false imprisonment. The suit is brought by James K. Batchelder of Arlington through E. J. Hall of Bennington as next friend to the plaintiff. The defendant's farm in Manchester was attached.

The suit grows out of Tash's detention in the county jail here on the night of January 17 on suspicion that he was Edward di Donato, the Italian farm hand who is charged with the murder of the four members of the Morner family near Albany on the afternoon of December 12.

Tash arrived in Manchester two days after the murder of the Morner family for the purpose of visiting his sister. He did not leave the house often and his actions aroused the suspicions of the defendant who became convinced that the young man was the alleged murderer. Tash remained in Manchester some days and then returned to his home in North Adams. Following his departure Wyman paid a visit to Troy and obtained a description of the alleged murderer which strengthened the conviction that he was on the trail of the slayer. He also visited the scene of the murder and talked with persons in the neighborhood.

On the morning of January 17, Wyman came to Bennington and endeavored to interest Deputy Sheriff John Nash in the search for Tash but the deputy was positive that the clue was false and would take no steps. Wyman went to North Adams and almost immediately after his arrival in that city he discovered the young Assyrian and by promising him a job on the Wyman farm induced the youth to leave North Adams for Manchester. When they arrived here Wyman took Tash to the office of Deputy Sheriff Nash and insisted that his captive be detained until information could be obtained from Troy. The young man was accordingly placed in jail over night while Deputy Nash communicated with the sheriff's office in Troy. A short talk over the telephone convinced the Bennington officer that Tash could not possibly be the right man and he was released.

## BIG SCORE BY PIRATES

Defeated Elks Ten Pin Team in Y. M. C. A. Tournament

The Pirates rolled the best team game of the winter last evening and defeated the Elks by a big margin. The score:

Pirates	Elks
Dean	167 151 206
R. White	205 196 186
F. Perry	247 173 139
Grissold	165 122 114
Barratt	186 138 173
	970 780 \$18
Total pins, 2568; average, 856.	
Pirates	Elks
Eddington	163 122 128
Corbett	154 129 123
Gregg	117 153 161
Grennan	136 157 150
Schwartz	179 136 183
	749 697 745
Total pins, 2191; average, 730 1-3.	

The high school bowlers will compete with a North Bennington team on the Y. M. C. A. alleys tonight.

## EQUITABLE NOT TO MOVE

Will Probably Build Twenty-Story Structure on Present Site.

New York, Feb. 9.—Although no positive decision regarding its new building has been reached by the Equitable Life Assurance Society, it was stated yesterday that the subject had been carefully discussed since the fire, and in a short time a formal announcement would probably be made that old site would be improved with a new Equitable Building at least twenty stories in height.

## BUTTER DROPS 6 CENTS

Overwhelming Supply of Fresh Goods Reason for Lower Prices

New York, Feb. 9.—"The price of the finest fresh creamery butter has dropped six cents during the week, and is now down to thirty-two cents," says The New York Produce Review in this week's issue. "A week ago the same goods were selling at thirty-eight cents, and three weeks ago the quotation was up to forty-two cents."